## Tuesday, August 19, 2022

## **Dear Parents:**

I think one of the beautiful sights of summer when driving in rural Indiana is coming upon a huge field of sunflowers. It is an unexpected sight amid the numerous acres of corn and soybeans. The tall, colorful flowers seem to be reaching up to the sky. They bring a smile to my face and remind me of a perfect God who created all things for us to enjoy.



I also feel blessed for the many students who grow and blossom in so many good and beautiful ways throughout the year at BTCS.

Upcoming events at BTCS:



Monday, August 25-Thursday, August 28: All students in kindergarten through sixth grade will be given a baseline assessment. K5-2<sup>nd</sup> will have MAP Growth and 3-6 will take IXL assessments. These tests give both teachers and parents helpful data to begin the year. Attendance is important during this timeframe.



Tuesday, August 26 is the big kick-off for our monthly Mileage Club challenges! The theme is Back to Basics. The 1st-6th graders are supposed to dress like a storybook character or something that reminds them of a favorite book. Our goal for this run will be two miles, which is easily achievable by everyone. Everyone will receive a dog tag and chain to attach their earned tokens to their backpack. All students in these grades participate – until 3:30 for non-Mileage Club kids and until 4:10 for those signed up for Mileage Club. (Please let their teacher know if they are going home at 3:30!) Remember, Mileage Club is only on Tuesdays this year. I hope by keeping it to one day per week, Mileage Club will be more of a special activity and that they will try their hardest to achieve mileage throughout the year.



Monday, September 1: There is no school on Labor Day!



**Thursday, September 4:** Pizza Party for Mileage Club sponsorships that total \$2.00



Tuesday, September 9: Picture Day



Friday, September 12: Professional Development Day (early dismissal at 2:15)



October 2-6: Fall Break - no school

Students in grades 1-6 must have a BTCS PE shirt and shorts/pants, etc by September 4. Because of complaints about the durability of the yellow cotton t-shirt, students will also be allowed to wear the green camo t-shirt or the gray with green t-shirt that is available through the BTCS swag store.

Please have a great week (and bloom where you are planted!)

Mrs. Newton

